

# Executive Proclamation

## State of South Dakota

### Office of the Governor

*Whereas*, Alpha L. Braunesreither and Loretta Helen Killian exchanged their wedding vows on January 3, 1945, at Martinus Lutheran Church in Utica, South Dakota; and,

*Whereas*, The newlywed couple of 60 years has been replaced by two devoted partners who have shared life's beauty and sorrow and have grown to love one another more because of their common journey; and,

*Whereas*, Alpha and Loretta gave life and love to three children: Gary Lee, Gayle Jean, and Gwen Ellen, and now have four grandsons; and,

*Whereas*, Alpha completed his college education following service in the Army, and became a well known South Dakota educator and Loretta practiced her skills as a proofreader for daily newspapers; and,

*Whereas*, Alpha and Loretta have lived in their home in the beloved Black Hills since 1972; Alpha retired in 1990, and Loretta in 1993; and,

*Whereas*, The couple will commemorate their accomplishments with an open house on June 25, 2005, at Faith Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, in Rapid City, from 1 to 4 p.m.; and,

*Whereas*, Through their lifelong dedication to the values of caring and sharing, Alpha and Loretta have helped make South Dakota a great place to live and work; and,

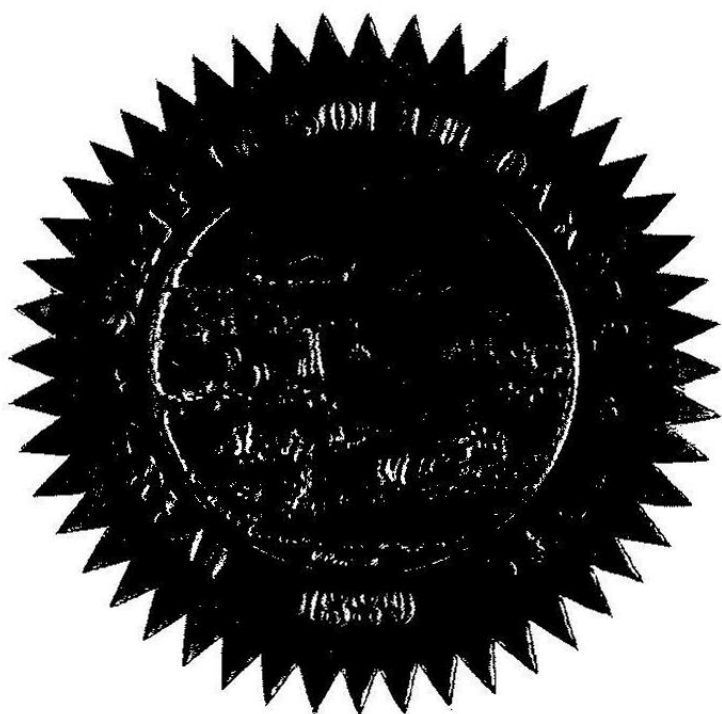
*Whereas*, It is altogether fitting and proper that the Governor of South Dakota recognizes and commemorates the memorable milestones in the lives of the state's outstanding citizens:

*Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 25, 2005, as

### *ALPHA AND LORETTA BRAUNESREITHER DAY*

in South Dakota, and I join with the honored couple's family and friends in wishing them continued health and happiness in a state that stands prouder today because of their contributions and commitment..

*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Ninth Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.



*M. Michael Rounds*  
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

*Chris Nelson*  
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State